

IMA-EURO Soldiers Add Color to Memorial Day Celebrations

BASTOGNE, Belgium - Soldiers from the Installation Management Agency Europe's Benelux Garrison served as color guards during the Memorial Day ceremony at the Mardasson, a memorial erected by Belgians near Bastogne to honor U.S. Forces who fought during the Battle of the Bulge to liberate the country.

The color guard detail was led by Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Jessen (center). Team members (left to right) were Sgt. Jake Brice, Staff Sgt. Kevin Kolbe, Staff Sgt. Dawn Thomas and Staff Sgt. Dekishon Rogers.

The Battle of the Bulge (Dec. 16, 1944 to Jan. 25, 1945), was the largest land battle involving American forces of World War II. More than 500,000 American troops fought in the battle across the Ardennes.

Several color guard teams made up of service members from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, USAG Benelux and the 309th Airlift Squadron, supported five Memorial Day ceremonies at American cemeteries in the Benelux area.

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